

**New Marlborough Planning Board
Wednesday March 25, 2015**

Attendees:

Chair: Patricia Hardyman

Members: Jamie Mullen, Charlie Parton

Other attendees: Pat McColgan (surveyor)
Jane Tant (Secretary)

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Public Comment/Surveyors:

Mr. Pat McColgan of Taconic Land Consultants presented a request for subdivision on behalf of Alec Belman and Laura Fleury. The request called for three lots fronting Sisson Hill Road to be further divided into four. Lot D was previously approved at the August 13, 2014 meeting of the Planning Board. Lot A was also previously approved in 2013. The new subdivision calls for Lot C as a conforming lot with an existing dwelling and Lot D with sufficient frontage and acreage to be a buildable lot.

The Planning Board approved the subdivision request and the mylar copies of the drawings were signed by all members present.

Review and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings:

Minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Review of Mail:

- Town of Sheffield Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing on April 8, 2015 on proposed amendment to the Sheffield Zoning Bylaw regarding Section 7.0 Special Regulations.
- Town of Monterey Board of Appeals Notice Public Hearing on May 7, 2015 regarding application for a Special Permit for modifications to dwelling at 10 Sylvan Road.
- Announcement of Massachusetts Open Space Conference on May 9, 2015 at Overlook Middle School, Ashburnham, MA

Old Business:

Mr. Mullen reported the Executive Committee of the Berkshire Regional Planning Council (BRPC) is scheduled to meet on April 2, 2017. Funding of 2015 District Local Technical Assistance grants is listed on the agenda. Mr. Mullen noted that he planned to attend this meeting.

Ms. Hardyman reported revised draft revisions to the By-laws regarding Accessory Apartments and Accessory Dwellings had been sent to both the Select Board and Town

Counsel. She was optimistic these items would be on the agenda for the next Select Board meeting.

The Board then discussed plans for inclusion of the By-law revisions regarding Accessory Apartments and Accessory Dwellings in the warrant for the next regularly scheduled town election in accordance with provisions of Massachusetts General Laws.

Ms. Hardyman agreed to consult with the Town Clerk on the following:

- The deadline to get two articles included in the Town Warrant
- Potential lead time requirements for a public hearing prior to submitting articles for the warrant.

Mr. Mullen agreed to also consult with BRPC on the latter issue.

The Board agreed to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed articles for the Town Warrant incorporating By-law changes regarding Accessory Apartments and Accessory Dwellings at the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting on April 22, 2015 at 7pm.

Mr. Parton agreed to draft the Notice of Public Hearing. Ms. Hardyman planned to use the draft to provide a final Notice to the Town Clerk for physical posting at Town Hall and publication in the Berkshire Eagle. Ms. Hardyman agreed to provide the Public Hearing Notice to the Planning Board Secretary for forwarding to abutting Towns.

Board members were heartened to learn that a town resident had made application for the upcoming vacancy on the Planning Board.

New Business:

The Board agreed that the Age-Friendly Communities Questionnaire sponsored by BRPC and Berkshire Elder Services would be made available at the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.